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1. [ ] ship anchored off the port of Constanta. [ ] An hour later, with the pilot aboard, the ship proceeded into the harbor and moored at the Grain Quay. During the period of unloading and loading, the ship was moored at three different berths along this quay.

2. While [ ] ship was entering the port, the Rumanian destroyer [ ] passed close aboard on the port side and sailed into the harbor. The destroyer was about 100 meters in length, had a raised forecastle, and was painted dark gray. There were two masts and two raked stacks; the top of the after stack, unlike the forward one, was horizontal. The ship was armed with two shielded guns forward, mounted one above the other, a single shielded gun mounted high behind the after stack, and two shielded guns aft mounted one above the other. All of these guns were of 12 cm. caliber. In addition there were small caliber anti-aircraft guns in various places and torpedoes, 53 cm. in diameter, aft of the after stack. A surface search radar was seen on the forward mast. The Rumanian flag, white over navy blue, was flown. The crew was engaged with preparations for mooring at both the bow and stern.

3. [ ] a Soviet cruiser, pendant [ ] and two destroyers of the same class anchored off Constanta. The cruiser anchored 1 1/2 miles from shore opposite the former summer palace in danger area No. 45 as shown in NEMEDRI. The destroyers anchored farther to the south.

4. The Soviet ships and the Rumanian destroyer, [ ] engaged in joint maneuvers [ ] As the ships sailed a considerable distance from shore, their activities were not determined.

[ ] six salvos of two guns fired with an interval between the first and second guns of 40-45 seconds, then a single gun continued to fire for a time at the

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same interval as that noted between salvos. Neither ships nor target could be seen.

5. The Czechoslovakian ship, [redacted] was loading cargo at the south side of the New Jetty. [redacted] her tonnage at 8 - 10,000 tons, and she seemed to have five holds. The ship was loaded continuously and with much care, [redacted] her destination was Red China. [redacted] In addition to mixed cargo, the ship was loading Czechoslovakian products, ammunition and other war materials. The cases for the latter items measured an estimated 40 x 100 x 120 cm. in size, and no more than three cases were lifted by the cranes at a time. The ship departed [redacted] as it was getting dark. On the bridge there were two red lanterns, one above the other, indicating there was explosive cargo aboard. [redacted] two other Czech ships, one of 3,500 tons, were to be used in regular trips between Constanta and Red China. Two new ships, then under construction, were to be assigned to this service; when assigned, the ship of 3,500 tons would be used for other purposes.
 

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6. [redacted] there was an explosion at the dredging barge which was operating outside the harbor. The barge listed to port and, a day and a half later, sank on the spot. A buoy with a flashing green light was placed to mark the location, near the shore about one mile southwest of the Constanta lighthouse. [redacted] a mine which had not been cleared from the area between danger areas No. 44 and No. 45, as shown in NEMEDRI, exploded and sunk the dredging barge.
 

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7. There appeared to be a military headquarters on Rex Beach. Walking on the beach in front of the Rex Hotel or around the lake behind it was prohibited after sunset. [redacted] gunfire from weapons fired from this area toward the sea. The sound of the shots were like those of machine guns, sub-machine guns, and infantry rifles.
 

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8. Busses ran to the Rex Hotel in Mamaia. The use of both the Mamaia and Rex beaches was free, but the better class of people used Rex Beach. The Rex Hotel, a summer hotel which was scheduled to close on 25 September, was patronized mostly by Soviets; the few Rumanians who came did so hesitantly. [redacted] the hotel staff was selected in and sent there from Bucharest.
 

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9. In a garden about 800 meters from the Mamaia bus stop in the direction of the Rex Hotel, there was a two-storied, cream colored building set four or five meters back from the street. Two radio antennas could be seen in the rear of the garden. Although no guards were seen in front of the building, it seemed that everyone was not permitted to enter. The headquarters of the Rumanian Communist organization was reported to be located in the building.
 

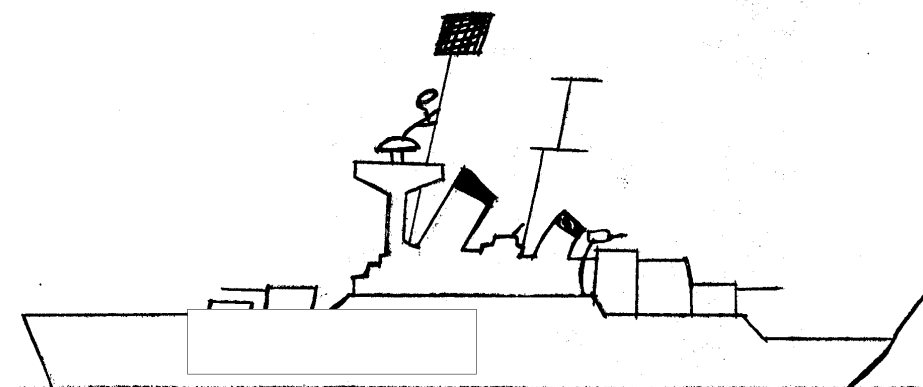
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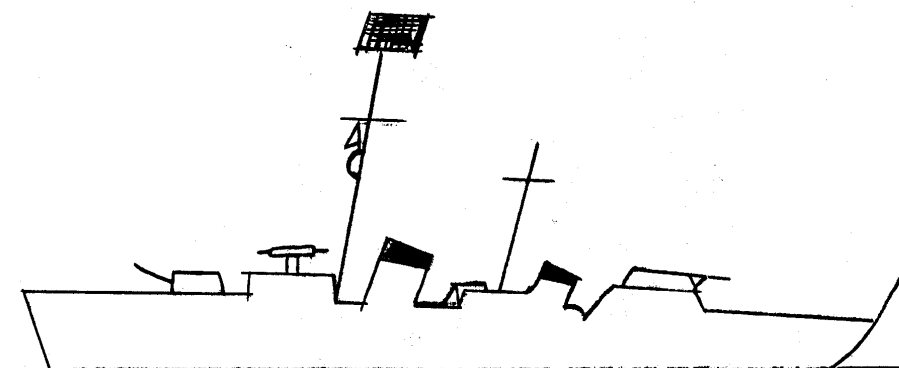


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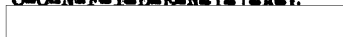
Sketches of Soviet ships in port of Constanta



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